

REVENUE

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission is one of the largest producers of revenue for the state budget among Michigan's state agencies.

In the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011 the total Gross Sales were \$978.5 million. The Total Current Earnings and Revenue was \$347.23 million which is the remainder after all operating expenses, cost of goods sold and licensee discounts were deducted.

Commission revenues are raised through a combination of profit on liquor sold, specific taxes on liquor, excise taxes, license and inspection fees, and liquor code violation fines. Most of the revenue collected is directed to the state's General Fund, to the School Aid Fund, and to the Liquor Purchase Revolving Fund. Of the restricted General Fund dollars, portions are distributed to local governments, alcoholism prevention programs, the Tourism and Convention Facilities Fund, and to Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council among others.

Finance Questions: 1-800-701-0513

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WHO IS THE MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION?



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The Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) was created by the Michigan Legislature in Public Act 8 of 1933 (Ex. Sess.) following the repeal of Prohibition.

The commission was created to control the alcoholic beverage traffic within the state. This responsibility includes licensing of businesses that sell alcoholic beverages, enforcement of liquor laws, collection of excise and specific taxes, and wholesaling of spirits.

Five commissioners who are appointed by the Governor lead this state agency housed within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Two of the Commissioners serve as Hearing Commissioners and conduct all trials related to violations of the Michigan Liquor Code and Administrative Rules. The hearing commissioners are assisted by Assistant State Attorneys General and commission aides. The remaining three commissioners, including the Chairperson, are designated as Administrative Commissioners and are responsible for decisions related to licensing, enforcement and the purchasing, merchandising and distribution of alcoholic spirits sold by the commission.

LICENSING

One of the commission's primary functions is to license all retailers, wholesalers, and other individuals or businesses involved in the alcoholic beverage industry in the state.

Just over 17,000 retail businesses have one or more licenses to sell alcoholic beverages. On-premises licensees (bars, restaurants and hotels) can be licensed to sell only beer and wine or to sell beer, wine and spirits. Off-premises licensees (grocery, party and drug stores) are authorized to sell beer and wine or beer, wine and spirits for take out.

By regulating the quantity of on-premises and package liquor licenses available in a local governmental unit (based on census data), the commission protects the public from a proliferation of alcoholic beverage establishments. In addition, special license applicants must obtain approval for their event from the local law enforcement agency or sheriff. All requirements (such as specific boundaries of the licensed area) for a specific type of permit must be met.

The MLCC's Licensing Division toll free number is 1-866-813-0011.

ENFORCEMENT

MLCC Enforcement offices are located in Lansing, Southfield, Escanaba, and Grand Rapids. The district offices are typically open Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm. Telephone numbers for all offices are listed on the MLCC website at www.michigan.gov/lcc.

The enforcement staff:

- investigate applicants for all types of licenses and
- enforce the state's liquor laws with assistance from local law enforcement agencies.

Local law enforcement officials, Michigan State Police and MLCC Investigators are all authorized to write citations for violations of the state's liquor laws. Assistant State Attorneys General review the evidence and determine if a violation has taken place. If so, the licensee is served with a complaint that must be acknowledged or held for a hearing before a Hearing Commissioner.

**The commission asks anyone who suspects a licensee selling to minors to report it immediately at:
1-866-893-2121!**

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